Amendment in the Cinematograph Act, 1952

2434. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards news item captioned "Censors will go to the movies with you" which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 7th February, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to amend the Cinematograph Act, 1952 for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has been receiving reports of violation of the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952, in various forms, in several States and Union Territories, thereby defeating the very purpose of certification. With a view to ensuring strict compliance of the provisions of the Act, CBFC has decided, on a test case basis, to hire a private detective agency, at an estimated cost of Rs. 14.00 lakhs for the current year, which will carry out regular checks in theatres in the four metropolitan cities, and report cases of violation to the concerned State authorities.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Vacant posts for Propagation and Encouragement of Hindi

2435. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of. posts of Hindi Translators/Hindi Officers/ Assistants created in the Ministry and its allied PSUs/Attached and Subordinate offices for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Hindi correspondences;

(b) the number of such posts lying vacant and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill up such posts urgently?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Earning of revenue by Lucknow DD Kendra

† 2436. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the target fixed to raise revenue by Lucknow Doordarshan Kendra up to 31st January, 2001 together with the actual revenue raised;

(b) whether there was any shortfall in the revenue earned; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the working of this centre?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati have intimated that against the proportionate target revenue of Rs. 5.00 crores, fixed from April, 2000 to 31st January, 2001 for Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow, the Kendra has earned a revenue of Rs. 3.01 crores.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Prasar Bharati have intimated that the following steps have been taken by the Kendra to enhance the revenue:

(i) Programme "Krishi Darshan" has been brought under sponsorship by inviting bids.

(ii) Slot from 07.20 to 07.30 PM (Four Days in a week) has been put under sponsored category for revenue generation.

(iii) Regular meetings with the commercial agencies & advertisers are taken by the Director of the Kendra to

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.